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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5): 09/581040

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/EP98/07957	December 8, 1998	December 8, 1997

TITLE OF INVENTION: TEXTILE REINFORCING LAYER FOR FLEXIBLE HOSES, TUBES AND SIMILAR EXTENDED OBJECTS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: DE MEYER, Willy and FAKET, Mark

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. [X] This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. [] This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. [X] This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. [X] A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 a. [] is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. [] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19(35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 b. [] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 d. [X] have not been made and will not be made.
8. [] A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. [X] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). unsigned
10. [] A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. [] An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. [X] A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 [] A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. [] A substitute specification
15. [] A change of power of attorney and or address letter.
16. [X] Other items or information:
 a. PCT Request
 b. International Preliminary Exam. Report together with the annex containing amended claims 1-14
 c. German specification

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Signature of person mailing paper or fee

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17. ☒ The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :	CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO **$970.00**	
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO **$840.00**	
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO **$690.00**	
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) **$670.00**	
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) **$96.00**	
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =	$ 840.00
Surcharge of **$130.00** for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).	$

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	16 - 20 =	0	X **$18.00**	$ 0
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	X **$78.00**	$ 0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)	1		+ ~~$260.00~~	$ 260.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				$ 1,100.00
Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. A Small Entity Statment must also by filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				$
SUBTOTAL =				$ 1,100.00
Processing fee of **$130.00** for furnishing the English translation later than ☐20 ☐30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). +				$
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				$ 1,100.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). **$40.00** per property +				$
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				$ 1,100.00
				Amount to be refunded: $
				charged: $

a. ☒ A check in the amount of $1,100.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of $_____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed, but not to include payment of issue fees.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pendin g status.

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